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In re application of: William P. Apps, et. al.

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

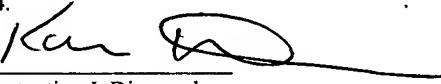
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